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In re Application of

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MARTIJN H.R. LANKHORST ET AL.

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Title: LOW-PRESSURE MERCURY-VAPOR DISCHARGE LAMP AND AMALGAM

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows, where marked-up versions of the amended claims 3, 5, and 6 are attached as Appendix

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A low-pressure mercury-vapor discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the amalgam (63) further comprises gold, the gold content (Au) lying in the range between

$0.1 \leq \text{Au} \leq 20 \text{ at.}\%$.

5. (Amended) A low-pressure mercury-vapor discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the mercury content (Hg) lies in the range between

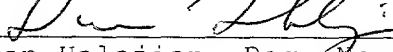
0.05 and 0.75 at.% Hg.

6. (Amended) An amalgam for use in a low-pressure mercury-vapor discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. The above amendments are submitted to place this application in proper U.S. format. Entry of the amendment and an early action on the merits are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made to the Claims

The following are marked up versions of amended claims 3,5 and

6:

1 3. (Amended) A low-pressure mercury-vapor discharge lamp as
2 claimed in claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that the amalgam (63)
3 further comprises gold, the gold content (Au) lying in the range
4 between $0.1 \leq \text{Au} \leq 20$ at.%.
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6 5. (Amended) A low-pressure mercury-vapor discharge lamp as
7 claimed in claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that the mercury
8 content (Hg) lies in the range between
9 0.05 and 0.75 at.% Hg.
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11 6. (Amended) An amalgam for use in a low-pressure mercury-vapor
12 discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1 [or 2].
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